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Dear Mr. Dulles:

It is a great pleasure to inform you that Sherman Kent, Assistant Director for National Estimates of the Central Intelligence Agency, has been selected to receive one of the ten 1961 Career Service Awards of the National Civil Service League.

Mr. Kent was chosen because of his unusual competence, character, and achievements exemplifying the highest principles of public service. We believe that public recognition of such an outstanding career highlights in general the importance of good government in our national life.

The ten Career Service Award winners will be honored at a dinner on March 21 in the Sheraton-Park Hotel in Washington. We sincerely hope you will reserve this date to join us in publicly recognizing Mr. Kent. In fact, we should like to consider you a member of a Washington sponsorship Committee for the Awards Banquet. May we list you on the program in this capacity? To represent your Agency, will you please designate a representative to work with us in publicity and banquet attendance promotion.

Mr. Kent is being notified that he will receive an award. We shall appreciate your withholding any public announcement of his selection until we have made an official announcement. We shall look forward to seeing you at the dinner.

Sincerely yours,

N. Kelley
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President

The Honorable Allen W. Dulles, Director
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